

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Johnson et al.)	
)	Examiner: David C. Comstock
Application No.: 10/623,957)	Art Unit 3733
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Filed: July 21, 2003)	Confirmation No. 6059
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TISSUE DISTRACTION DEVICE)	March 14, 2007

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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 Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 9, 2007, please consider the following amendment and response. This response is being filed within the initial three-month period for response (to and including June 9, 2007) so it is believed that no extensions of time or fees are due. However, the Commissioner is requested to provide any extensions that may be necessary and is authorized to deduct any necessary fees from Deposit Account 13-0014.